



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held February 17, 2004 Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, pursuant to which 120,000 Americans and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry were incarcerated in internment camps during World War II.

“Despite their families being incarcerated behind barbed wire in the United States, approximately 33,000 veterans of Japanese ancestry fought bravely for our country during World War II, serving in the 100th Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the 552nd Field Artillery Battalion.

“The 100th Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the 552nd Field Artillery Battalion heroically suffered nearly 10,000 casualties and are honored as being among World War II’s most decorated units, having received seven Presidential Distinguished Unit Citations, 20 Medals of Honor, 52 Distinguished Service Crosses, 588 Silver Stars, 5,200 Bronze Stars; and 9,486 Purple Hearts.

“On August 10, 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed into law the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, finding that Executive Order 9066 was not justified by military necessity and, hence, was caused by racial prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent), the Board proclaimed February 19, 2004 as "Remembrance Day" throughout Los Angeles County and urged all citizens to observe the day with ceremonies and activities that honor Japanese American veterans.

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